(a) the usual number of teachers from Primary Schools deputed by the Education Department;

(b) for how many years had the Education Department deputed such teachers;

(c) what is the total number of teachers deputed up to Edavam 1103;

(d) how many applications were received by the Director of Public Instruction from Primary School teachers seeking deputation for training in the said school during the period for which the school is now closed;

(e) what is the extra cost incurred if any by the Education Department for a teacher deputed for a year;

(f) what is the number of teachers generally employed in conducting the Agricultural School;

(g) how many applications were received by the Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats from private candidates for admission to the school this year?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) Twenty each year.

(b) Four.

(c) Seventy-seven, but only 75 have undergone the full course.

(d) Only one.

(e) About Rs. 200.

(f) No teachers are specially employed. The teaching work is attended to by the staff of the Agricultural Department.

(g) One.

Mistakes in the Text-Books.

154. Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) what steps have been taken by them to rectify the numerous mistakes that were pointed out in the Chintamany Books in the Legislative Council in the last year by some of the Members;

(2) was there any special reason for prescribing the very same books for the current year also in spite of the popular objection?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(1) The publishers have been asked to rectify the mistakes pointed out.

(2) These books were prescribed for another year because the Board of Studies recommended their continuance on the ground that better books were not available.

Lower Secondary School, Mala.

155. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the total loss Government had to bear in connection with the Lower Secondary School, Mala?

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